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BROADBAND SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the States where broadband services have been launched;

(b) the number of applications received for broadband connections; State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend the said services to mobile phone users also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Broadband Service has been launched in January 2005 in 9 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Gujarat by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).

(b) The details of registrations received by BSNL & MTNL for Broadband connections state-wise is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): Broadband Policy 2004 visualises creation of Infrastructure through various access technologies for provision of Broadband services within the licensing framework of service providers and spectrum management policy of Department of Telecommunications.

ANNEXURE
DETAILS OF BROADBAND REGISTRATION OF BSNL & MTNL

Sl.No.	Name of the Telecom. Circle/District	No. of Registration
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	79
2.	Andhra Pradesh	11811
3.	Assam	838
4.	Bihar	3597
5.	Chattisgarh	802
6.	Delhi	18002
7	Gujarat	10799
8.	Haryana	3242
9.	Himachal Pradesh	642
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	767
11.	Jharkhand	2029
12.	Karnataka	21491
13.	Kerala	6918
14.	Madhya Pradesh	5931
15.	Maharashtra	15809

16.	Mumbai		4763
17.	North East-I		754
18.	North East-II		399
19.	Orissa		2025
20.	Punjab		7313
21.	Rajasthan		4739
22.	Tamil Nadu		10166
23.	Uttar Pradesh (East)		7207
24.	Uttar Pradesh (West)		3206
25.	Uttaranchal		1096
26.	West Bengal		2927
27.	Chennai	Telecom. District	16017
28.	Kolkatta	Telecom. District	19168

Note: Details at Sr. No. 6 & 16 are in respect of MTNL while rest are in respect of BSNL.